

REVIEW

FOREIGN TRADE IN FISHERY PRODUCTS

IMPORTS. U.S. imports of edible fishery products in 1996 were valued at \$6.7 billion, \$62.1 million less than in 1995. The quantity of edible imports was 3.2 billion pounds, 103.3 million pounds more than the quantity imported in 1995.

Edible imports consisted of 2.7 billion pounds of fresh and frozen products valued at \$6.0 billion, 354.4 million pounds of canned products valued at \$473.7 million, 67.4 million pounds of cured products valued at \$131.7 million, 5.1 million pounds of caviar and roe products valued at \$35.3 million, and 16.0 million pounds of other products valued at \$45.2 million.

The quantity of shrimp imported in 1996 was 582.5 million pounds, 14.7 million pounds less than the quantity imported in 1995. Valued at \$2.5 billion, shrimp imports accounted for 36 percent of the value of total edible imports. Imports of fresh and frozen tuna were 528.7 million pounds, 32.8 million pounds more than the 495.9 million pounds imported in 1995. Imports of canned tuna were 193.0 million pounds, 22.3 million pounds less than in 1995. Imports of fresh and frozen fillets and steaks amounted to 476.5 million pounds, a decrease of 1.0 million pounds from 1995. Regular and minced block imports were 234.2 million pounds, an increase of 23.9 million pounds from 1995.

Imports of nonedible fishery products were valued at \$6.3 billion--an increase of \$670.8 million compared with 1995. The total value of edible and nonedible products was \$13.1 billion in 1996, \$608.7 million more than in 1995 when \$12.4 billion of fishery products were imported.

